

## CHAUTAUQUA IS AN ASSURED FACT FOR NEXT YEAR

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE SIGN GUARANTEE FOR RETURN IN 1919

Belding people will with few exceptions be glad to hear that the Redpath Chautauqua, which has proven such a great attraction in this city for the past five years, has been secured for a return dating next year. This much was made certain when more than 100 people signed up the guarantee which the Redpath people require from all the cities which they visit. The people who signed the 1919 guarantee came from all the different walks of life and there were residents of the city of Ionia among them, as well as many farmers from the surrounding country and who recognize in the Chautauqua a high class and desirable feature for the city of which they are proud of.

The Chautauqua this year has been liberally patronized and while there was at first some doubt as to whether enough people would back the Chautauqua to insure its return next year, this faded away soon after the first numbers of the program had been given to the public and the succeeding numbers on the Redpath program were as good as the first, with any single entertainment worth the price of a full season ticket. In fact, it would be hard to say that there was one poor number on the program and then none.

Mr. Popson, the man who acted as superintendent of the Chautauqua here last year was here again this year and was one of the signers on the contract for the return of the big tent and its entertaining and educational features again next year.

**Enjoyed Fine Motor Trip**  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Deane Cobb returned on Monday from a fine and enjoyable motor trip. They left this city on July 29 and went from here to Grand Rapids, Holland, St. Joseph, Chicago, from Chicago they went to Capron, Ill., where they visited with former old time friends of Mr. Cobb's, as it was at this place that Mr. and Mrs. Cobb lived before moving to this city. He ran a drug store there for many years, but there were still many people who recognized and knew him and they had a splendid visit with old friends. From there they went to the Dells of Wisconsin, where the beauties of the place entranced them for two days more. From there they motored to Geneva Lake and spent a day there, touching next at Chicago, Wis., where two days more were spent. Eau Claire, Wis., was next visited and from there they went to Escanaba, St. Ignace, Mackinac City, Petoskey, Traverse City, Muskegon and then the home stretch from there to dear old Belding. The trip consisted of 2,029 miles and it took 87 gallons of gasoline and 2 gallons of lubricating oil to keep the little Ford Sedan going on the trip.

**Meteor Fell From Sky**  
While we do not expect a great many of our readers to believe the following, we are going to chronicle it just the same as if every one would believe it. Last Sunday evening the editor drove down town in the Ford, he saw a large flaming meteor fall from the sky. It seemed to be about two or perhaps three or four miles away from Belding and it looked about as big around as an ordinary sized wash tub. Following it and apparently issuing from it, was a streak of very visible flame and following this flame in its rapid descent to the earth was a stream of sparks, perhaps two or three yards long. That is the way it looked and it looked as if it might fall in the vicinity of Race lake or thereabouts. After telling this to several people and then going home and telling it to mother, we readily saw that there would be but a very few people who would take much notice of the story, but if any of our readers happened to be looking to the north at precisely 8:45 o'clock last Sunday night, they would have observed the same meteor or falling star that we did.

**Edward Mehney Dead**  
Edward Mehney, a former business man of this city, aged about 45 years, died in a Detroit hospital, where he had been for about a year, on Monday, August 12. His funeral was held in Detroit, on the following Wednesday. Mr. Mehney was a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Mehney, of Cooks Corners and a brother of Mrs. W. F. Bricker, of this city and John and Herbert Mehney, of Smyrna. He was well known here and his local friends will hear of his untimely demise with regret. A son, Gerald Mehney, together with his widow, also survives.

**Mrs. J. E. Cook Dead**  
Mrs. Jess Cook, wife of the late J. E. Cook, died at the city hospital, Monday noon, following an illness of long standing. Mrs. Cook followed her husband close in death, his death having occurred at Grand Rapids last week. He was buried at Sheridan and Mrs. Cook was brought from that place in the ambulance, Monday morning and taken to the hospital, where her death took place shortly afterward. A family of children are left to mourn their double loss.

**Enlisted As Red Cross War Nurse**  
Miss Edna Nummer left here on Wednesday morning for Camp Custer, to which place she had been assigned, following her enlistment as a Red Cross army nurse. Miss Nummer is one of the fine young ladies of this vicinity and recently a party was given at her home, in her honor, at which time she was presented by her friends with a fine wrist watch and a fountain pen with which to remember the folks she left behind.

## CLAIMS FORMER LOCAL MAN HOARDS SUGAR

George Stout, of Morley, a former local man, is claimed by the Mecosta county food administration to be guilty of hoarding sugar and flour, contrary to the rules and regulations governing such matters during the time of war. It had been rumored that Stout was hoarding, but because of the position which Mr. Stout held—that of deputy state food inspector, small notice was given the rumors.

Later on, however, an investigating committee composed of the county food administration officials went out to the Stout home near Morley to investigate. Their search revealed, so the committee says, 107 pounds of sugar hidden away under a pile of bedding in a closet and this sugar was confiscated. Four hundred pounds of flour was also found in the house and this was left there to await developments.

## BENEFIT PLAYS FOR HOSPITAL AT THE OPERA HOUSE

MRS. ABBIE WILLIAMS, FORMER LOCAL TEACHER, TO STAGE PATRIOTIC PLAYS.

A fine patriotic entertainment is in rehearsal to be given in the opera house next week for the benefit of the city hospital.

Mrs. Abigail J. Williams of Madison, N. J., a former teacher of music and art in our schools, who is visiting in the city for a few weeks, has been engaged by the hospital committee and the fine musical and dramatic attraction will be produced under her direction. The play has met with great favor in the east where it originated since the beginning of the world war and Mrs. Williams directed it with great success in her home town before leaving for her vacation in Michigan.

The production requires nearly 50 characters and the best local talent have kindly consented to assist in the entertainment which is entitled "The Days of '61 and The Slacker".

The music and songs are excellent and between acts special attractive numbers in music, song and interpretative dancing will be given.

The benefit is for a very worthy object and the City hospital managers hope to receive the support and hearty encouragement of the people of the city and community. Tickets of admission which have been placed at a figure within the reach of every one as will be seen in the advertisement on another page will soon go on sale. The opera house should be crowded at each entertainment.

**Mrs. Alfred Gerardy Dead**  
Mrs. A. T. Gerardy, aged 55, died at the Belding hospital, Monday night at ten o'clock, following an illness of several years, the past ten months of which had been spent inside the local hospital.

The funeral will be Thursday, at Vernon, this state, where she was born and where her girl and young womanhood was spent. Rev. H. S. Ellis, of the Ashley church, officiating and burial will be in the cemetery at Vernon.

**Emma E. Mann was born at Vernon, Shioawassee county July 2, 1862 and lived there until her marriage to Alfred T. Gerardy, in 1883. From there they moved to Corunna, then to Flushing and in 1893 they came to Belding, where they resided for a time until they removed to the farm in Grattan township, where they lived until two years ago when her health failed and she came to the city again to be treated. She leaves to mourn their loss of a good wife and mother, her grief-stricken husband, a son, Roy, of Minneapolis, Minn., and a daughter, Mrs. Earl Oppie, of Grand Rapids.**

**Surprised Mrs. Rich**  
Mrs. Lavern Rich was taken completely by surprise at her home last Sunday when 21 of her friends and relatives met to celebrate her 32nd birthday anniversary. They all brought well filled baskets and a fine chicken dinner was served, with ice cream and cake for dessert. They then presented her with a set of fine dishes and a set of silverware. The afternoon was spent with music and visiting. The guests returned home at a rather late hour, wishing Mrs. Rich many happy returns of the day.

**Notice to Farmers.**  
We have permission from the government to grind rye, for hog feed, provided you are short of other feed for your hogs.  
E. Chapple & Co.

## LABOR DAY TO BE BIG EVENT FOR EVERYBODY

OUTSIDE ATTRACTIONS WILL BE BROUGHT HERE TO ENTERTAIN PUBLIC WITH

The various committees in charge of the program and attractions for Labor Day's big celebration in this city are working and the day will be without a doubt, a big one in the history of Belding. Everyone who has been asked to do anything has responded nobly and not many have had to be asked, but the corps of people working to make the day a success, are mostly enthusiastic volunteers.

The day will start off with a monster parade at 9:30 o'clock, in which the Home Guards, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, and other organizations will take part. The band, or bands will also be in the parade, as will also be the representatives from each factory and mill in the city. Clowns, odd costumes, horribles, novelties, decorated bicycles, automobiles, floats, etc., will also feature this affair. Prizes will be awarded for each one of the best in its line, with second, third and fourth prizes following in some.

Sports, races, and various contests of all kinds free for every body will also be had in the days program will also be a base ball game or two. A picnic dinner will be had in the city park at noon and it is hoped that everybody will get there with a good basket.

After dinner the people will be treated to a select vaudeville stunt and another of the same line of entertainment will be had in the evening. There you will also be able to take part in a real Mardi Gras celebration, which will be staged on Main street and we have an inkling that there is something going to happen to the old kaiser along about that time that will be worth seeing.

Bear this in mind, that in case you have not been solicited for funds, you are not barred out, but you can leave the amount that you wish to give at either Smith Stanton's store or at the Banner-News office—But be sure and give something so that you will be able to say that you gave something too.

## REGISTRATION OF YOUNG MEN WILL BE HELD SATURDAY

MAN POWER OF ARMIES MUST BE KEPT UP TO THE MAXIMUM STRENGTH.

All young men in this city or vicinity who have become of the age of 21 years since June 5, will be required to present themselves at the court house in Ionia, on Saturday, August 24, to register in accordance with the ruling of General Crowder, in charge of the man power requirements of the United States army and this registration is for the purpose of keeping enough young men in class 1, so that there will be sufficient to draw from for the next quotas which are to go to the various army camps and cantonments.

The secretary of the board of commerce has made arrangements so that all those young men from here who will have to go to Ionia, will be taken down to the county seat for the registration, in automobiles secured for the occasion.

All these young men will have to do to avail themselves of this opportunity, is to inform Mr. Brown that they will be ready to go down and then be on hand at the time set to start out. Call Mr. Brown, secretary of the Belding board of commerce, Phone No. 140 and make the arrangements.

**Good races daily.**

**APPOINT COMMITTEE TO LOOK AFTER THE DEPARTING DRAFTEES**

The secretary of the Belding board of commerce has appointed the following to act as a farewell and reception committee to look after the soldiers who are called from our midst from time to time:

Lloyd Underwood, chairman; Frank O'Brien, Glenn Brown, Byron Cook, George Crawford, Earl Wilson, Orville Wilton, Lee Cusser, Homer Unger, Bert Rummel, William Wood, Elwood Rockefeller.

This committee will act with the secretary of the board of commerce in any matters pertaining to the arrival or departure of our soldier boys. They will also keep a record of every man who enters the service of the United States, the regiment or part of the service to which he is assigned, and such other information as may come up as the war progresses.

This will all be recorded in a nice book which eventually will find its place in our city library where it will serve as a record not only of each individual but of Belding's man service in the present war.

We shall presently publish a complete list as near perfect as we can make it and when we do we shall ask people to kindly send in any corrections so that the record may be perfected in every detail.  
B. F. Brown, Sec'y.

## EASTON FARMER ENDS LIFE BY HANGING

Wycliff H. Clark, well known and respected Easton township farmer, committed suicide by hanging himself in the hay barn on his farm near the village of Orleans, early Friday morning.

Mr. Clark had been in Ionia on Thursday afternoon and had taken in the Fair attractions and seemed in his usual good spirits and had never given any inkling of the fact that he would commit suicide.

Friday morning he left the house at about five o'clock to do the morning chores. Al. Youngs, who has been living with the family for a number of years, going out at about the same time. Mr. Youngs returned to the house at about six o'clock and Mrs. Clark told him that breakfast was ready but that Mr. Clark had not yet returned. Mr. Youngs went to the barn and found the empty milk pail set just outside the door. On going inside farther, he found Mr. Clark's body hanging from a rope.

The details of the suicide had apparently been carefully planned as Mr. Clark had re-adjusted the rope, which ran to the hay fork in the center of the barn. He had climbed the ladder to the hay and then a second ladder from which he adjusted the rope. He had removed the sand bag which was used for regulating the action of the hay fork and put a double noose over his neck, the length being correctly estimated so that in swinging off the ladder his feet would come about three feet above the hay.

It looked as if there had been no struggle, for his hat was still on his head when his body was found.

Mr. Youngs summoned a neighbor, Henry Whipple and they telephoned the sheriff's office at Ionia. Under-sheriff Mark Hoppough and Coroner Boynton hurried to the farm and cut down the body. A coroner's jury, consisting of the following was sworn in, although the evidence in the case was so plain that the demand for an inquest is very unlikely.

Mr. Clark was 58 years old and had sustained two strokes of paralysis, the last one leaving him in an enfeebled state. He had been depressed and melancholy for a long time, not only on account of his health, but on account of the war situation and the prospects of hard times, although his own financial condition was excellent. He had frequently expressed it as his idea that life was not worth living.

No children are left to survive, the only immediate relative, being his wife.

His funeral was held on Sunday afternoon and quite a number from this city and vicinity, old friends who had known Mr. Clark for many years were there in attendance.

## GREENVILLE FAIR SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5, 6

The attractive premiums books of the Greenville fair, greoff the press and filled with increased premiums for stock and farm produce. Also the special premiums are larger and better than ever. If you do not receive a premium book and are interested, write the secretary, D. S. Seaman.

The Greenville City band of 35 pieces and the Prince Kealakai Hawaiians, besides several other attractions will give concerts daily. The night fair will be one of the big attractions this year and Martin's fireworks which are to furnish the big closing night feature, are really magnificent productions and these productions are of a much greater magnitude than are usually shown outside of the large fairs and expositions.

Every show and every amusement feature will be carefully censored this year.

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See "The Man-Man" at the Empress next Thursday and Friday. It is something different and you surely will enjoy it.

## BRITISH KNIGHT GAVE GOOD TALK AT BO. COMMERCE

BIG GATHERING OF MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION HEARD SIR JOHN FOSTER FRASER

Nearly 100 members of the local board of commerce gathered at the auditorium of the city hall, Friday evening at the banquet which was given in honor of Sir John Foster Fraser, the British knight who came to this city to appear on the Redpath Chautauqua program and the gathering was one of the largest that has ever sat down to a board of commerce luncheon in this city.

Mr. H. J. Leonard introduced Sir John in his usually efficient manner and the latter in his opening remarks showed his modesty by telling that the chairman had paid him altogether too great a compliment. Sir John, in referring to the Revolutionary war, said that the real British people were with the United States in the fight then, but that England was ruled by a German at that time and that was the reason for the proposed tax on tea and the fight against the liberty of the colonies which England put up at that time. He said that he was glad that the people in England during the days of 1776 and at the present time were glad that the United States was victorious at the time in gaining their liberty.

He gave a very good talk bearing directly and indirectly on the war and he received a great deal of applause. His talk was very interesting to the person who has been thinking of the things which are transpiring now and which will happen after the war, there was great food for reflection.

He wound up by quoting a few words which the late Lord Roberts had above the doors of his home. "What have you done for England, which has done so much for you?" and he said that the wording could be changed substituting the word, "America" for England and using here in this country. After the meeting at the board of commerce, Sir John gave his regular talk in the big Chautauqua tent to a large audience.

## SMUT CAUSES SEVERE DAMAGE TO WHEAT CROP

WORKERS WILL PUT ON SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS HOW CROP DISEASE CAN BE CONTROLLED.

Ionia county has been selected by the U. S. department of agriculture and the M. A. C. as one of five counties in the state in which anti-smut demonstrations will be conducted during the coming two weeks, Aug. 19 to 31. In each of the five selected counties in which are included Huron, Sanilac, Hillsdale, Gratiot and Ionia, the government's field men are making a tour, putting on demonstrations of anti-smut treatment wherever they are desired by farmers.

Mr. H. Heath, of the Hillsdale territory, Geo. Gillespie is working in Huron and Sanilac counties. A. J. Petry is on the job in Ionia county and Mr. Waller is the man who is making the rounds in Gratiot. All these demonstrators are making their headquarters at the county seat. If demonstrations are desired in any particular community, a letter can be addressed to Mr. Heath, care general delivery, Hillsdale; to Mr. Gillespie, care general delivery, Bad Axe; to Mr. Petry, care general delivery, Ionia and to Mr. Waller, care general delivery, Alma.

The work these young men are doing is part of a general effort by the government to lessen the annual loss suffered by farmers from loose smut of wheat. It has been found by the government's investigators who visited fields in practically every county in the state this summer, that practically three per cent of this year's winter wheat crop was ruined by smut—an amount representing a cash loss of \$788,488.38 at the prevailing market prices for wheat.

The loss, it is declared, can be prevented if farmers will treat their seed wheat with formaldehyde. The young men, one of whom has been assigned to each county, are demonstrating how this formaldehyde can be applied. Farmers who are not familiar with the formaldehyde treatment for seed wheat and who may be unable to witness a demonstration by the "anti-smut" squad, are advised that they can secure the necessary information if they will write to the department of farm crops, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing.

**Left For The Big War.**  
The following young men left this city for Ann Arbor, where they will be schooled for their part in the big war, last Wednesday noon.

Ralph A. Wilson, Clarence Rich, Chauncey L. Chase, John H. Dehn, Will Bakeman, and Leroy Francisco.

**Farmers Attention.**  
There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Cooperative Farmers' association at the City hall, in Belding, on Tuesday evening, August 27, at 7:30 o'clock. If you have signed either of the lists that have been circulated throughout the surrounding districts you are a stockholder and vitally interested in the matters that are to come before this meeting. This organization is soon to become a fact so come prepared to talk business and bring with you any other farmers who might be interested and have not signed.  
B. F. Brown, Sec'y.

## RAY KIDD IS NOW IN NEW MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kidd of this city received news last week of the departure of their son, W. Ray Kidd, and several other Belding boys from Ann Arbor, where they have been in training for the past eight weeks, to various other camps.

It will be remembered that W. Ray Kidd, was one of the seven local boys who were made up the quota of 11, which left this county on July 15 to enter the second training detachment at Ann Arbor.

At Ann Arbor, the boys are taught many lines of work aside from the regular military training, and it is at the completion of this prescribed course, which is under the direction of the U. of M., that the soldiers are graduated according to their several abilities and are sent to camps where they can be most useful to the government.

The bunch that Ray left Ann Arbor with, for the most part, are going to a camp in New Mexico. Ray reports a very fine trip, as he has seen lots of rich country, particularly vast corn lands. He says that they are fed very good, have good sleeping compartments and that everybody is happy, that the Red Cross was on the job with good things to eat wherever the train stopped.

I wish to say in conclusion, that if there are those in this community who have not felt disposed towards giving to the Red Cross because of a lack of interest or because they have not a relative in the service, or for other reasons, let me urge upon them a change of heart, for the money and time given in behalf of the cause for which the Red Cross stands is bringing comfort and cheer to some wounded or homesick soldier.

## COUNTY GRANGE TO RALLY AT LAKE ODESSA

INTERESTING PROGRAM IS TO BE GIVEN. PICNIC DINNER SPEAKING, SPORTS, ETC.

Following is the program of events for the day picnic and county grange rally to be held at Lake Odessa on Thursday, August 29.

10:00—Base ball game.  
12:00 noon—Picnic dinner.  
1:30—Concert by Lake Odessa I. O. O. F. orchestra.  
2:30—Program.  
Invocation by Rev. Bonebrake.  
Words of welcome—Village president, Mr. Urtel.  
Response—H. H. Lyon.  
Vocal Selection—Miss Mildred Durkee.  
Introductory Remarks—Rev. Bonebrake.  
Song—Beth and Glennis Lee—So. Boston Juvenile Grange.  
Illustrated Song—Red, White and Blue—3 ladies of Keene Grange.  
Recitation—Marie Chapple.  
Song—America.  
Address—Hon. H. E. Straight, Coldwater.  
Vocal Selection—Miss Mildred Durkee.  
Music—Orchestra.  
Sports and prizes will be as follows and will start at four o'clock.

Men's tug of war—\$1.00.  
Women's blind stagger race—Box of chocolates.  
Boys cracker eating contest—25c.  
Girls chewing contest—Package of gum.  
Fat Man's race, 200 lbs.—Pair of socks.  
Boys sack race, 12 to 15 years—25c.

Girls Peanut race—25c.  
Harley Lyon will be the chairman of the day and all members of the Lake Odessa Grange are to act on the program committee. Dumont Hart, Harley Lyon, Frank Daniels and Ed. Higbee are the committee on sports. An invitation is extended to all the Granges in adjoining counties to join in and make this rally day a happy reunion to keep the home fires burning.

## Seeley, World Famous in This Specialty, Called to Grand Rapids.

F. H. Seeley of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will personally be at the Pandit hotel and remain in Grand Rapids this Sunday and Monday, Aug. 25 and 26 only. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, but contracts the opening in 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatment or rest. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if interested call, he will be glad to show same without charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section."

## Every statement in this notice has been verified before the Federal and State courts.—F. H. Seeley.

## NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic County Convention for election of delegates for the State Convention, to be held September 25, at the City of Detroit, will be held at the city hall in the city of Ionia, on Monday, September 9, 1918, at 1:30 o'clock, p. m. This convention will elect nineteen (19) delegates to attend the Democratic State convention at Detroit, and also a county committee. Each township in the county of Ionia is entitled to twelve (12) delegates and each ward in the city of Belding and Ionia to six (6) delegates. These delegates shall be elected by ballot at the primary election held August 27th, 1918.

Dated, Ionia, Mich., August 26, 1918  
Wm. H. Barrett, Chairman, Ionia County Democratic committee.  
Glenn D. Mathews, Secretary.

## TECUMSEH FARMERS PREPARE OWN STOCK FEEDS

TOGETHER WITH MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WORK OUT CHEAP, HIGHLY NUTRITIOUS FEED.

East Lansing, Aug. 12.—Dairymen living in the vicinity of Tecumseh, in Lenawee county, have found a partial remedy for the climbing habits to which dairy feed prices seem to have become addicted within the last two years. The Tecumseh farmers, who are members of one of the most active farmers' cooperative associations in the state, have perfected a plan whereby they have secured for themselves the mixing of a standard feed from pure grains. This feed is now being distributed to dairymen in southern Michigan at practical cost, and is saving members of the association an amount varying from 10 to 20 per cent of what their mixed feeds formerly cost them.

The cooperative organization through which the work in Tecumseh is being done is the Tecumseh Cooperative association. The feed-mixing project was worked up by it cooperatively with the M. A. C.

"Let's make up our own feed," suggested Manager Beebe, or maybe it was the president or some mere member of the association, but the essential fact is that the suggestion was made and acted upon.

As its name discloses, the Tecumseh association is a cooperative body with which about 400 Lenawee county farmers are affiliated and from which they derive such manifold benefits as accrue to those who have discovered the value of cooperative buying and selling.

Of course when such an organization says "we will make our own feed" feed is usually made forthwith. But let Manager Beebe tell about it. "Our dairymen," said the manager, "have of late months been confronted by two serious problems. In the first place, the prices of dairy feeds have risen to a point where they must be looked upon with the awe due those who perch in high places. Secondly, our dairymen have never been absolutely sure that even after they have paid the luxurious prices being asked they will secure a standard feed free from chaff and fillers."

"It was only natural that we should decide to try our hand at mixing and marketing a feed of our own and that is what we are doing. In order to make sure that we weren't going wrong, we went a committee to M. A. C. and this committee, working with the dairy department of the college, worked out a standard feed mixture averaging from 21 to 22 per cent protein—including such ingredients as bran, middlings, ground oats, gluten, cottonseed meal, oil meal, hominy and one per cent salt."

"We are having these mixed for us in Chicago from the pure grain, and upon being received by us here the mixed feed is being distributed at cost to our members and to other cooperative associations in southern Michigan. In place of a high priced product of uncertain quality our dairymen are now being provided with a standard product at a moderate price."

This price, according to quotations from Tecumseh, is \$55.50 a ton in bulk, with a charge of \$5 more if sacked. Commercial feed of the same quality are selling from \$65 to \$70 a ton, which means that the Tecumseh farmers stand well in the way of saving from 10 to 20 per cent of their feed costs through their new venture. This feed is intended to be used with such roughages as corn stover and mixed hay and silage; or if the dairymen has clover hay, alfalfa and silage, ground corn and such could be mixed with the dairy feed at the rate of two-thirds dairy feed to one-third ground oats and corn. Without silage, a little additional meal can be used. The feed itself, of course, is intended by the association to be fed in the same proportions as such dairy feeds are always fed.

Meanwhile, while feed prices are still clinging to the high spots, the tenacity of a mountain goat, the dairymen of Tecumseh are not worrying half so much as many of their neighbors.

## The Last Band Concert

The last concert by the Belding band under the direction of George Holmes will be given by the band boys in the band stand next Wednesday evening, August 28. This is not really the view of the boys themselves and it is far from meeting with the approval of the people of the city who have become accustomed to looking forward to coming down town on each Wednesday night to hear the band play, but is brought about thru the fact that the appropriation which the city council set aside for the band has become exhausted and the boys feel as if they had ought to have a small amount of cash for the concert.

## Gasoline Exploded

Sunday, as Mrs. W. E. Leach, living in the Brink neighborhood, was getting her gasoline stove ready to generate a second burner, after having started the first one, the gasoline in a bottle which she was holding in her hand ignited and started in to burn. Mrs. Leach at once threw it on the floor and threw water on it and tried to put it out that way, but this only seemed to make it spread more and the fire got into the buttery and only by the timely arrival of Mr. Leach, who was calmly enjoying the weather out on the front porch and who was attracted to the scene of the conflagration by Mrs. Leach's cries for help, was the fire extinguished. As it was, it was a very narrow escape and came very near making a bad matter worse.